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BREVITIES.

Sweden spends \$15,000,000 a year in coal and has 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 elec-trical horsepower going to waste. The government is thinking about utilizing some of it. California's state flower is the goiden poppy, and one of the professors at Stanford university has published a book devoted exclusively to the flower and its legendary history. The skin of the musk ox, which is a denizen of the "Barren Grounds" and the arctle region of Canada, has taken the place of that of the extinct buf-falo for sleigh robes. It varies in price from \$50 to as low as \$5 for a poor ar-ticle.

The industrial depression in Germany In the industrial depression in Germany is reaching serious proportions. Em-ployment agencies are deluged with ap-plicants. From the mining regions come reports of numerous dismissails and reduced work. The same is true in from and steel work.

and reduced work. The same is true in fron and steel work. Gigantic water power developments are projected in the Alps. There are now in the French Alps forty-eight fac-tories supplied by 250,000 horsepower, electrically generated. Engineers esti-mate that 3,000,000 horsepower is now running to waste in the Alps. The royal library at Windsor castle is about to be enlarged by the inclusion of a room adjoining hitherto used by the lord in waiting. This will enable many thousands more volumes to be added to the hundred thousand valu-able works now on the shelves. So great has become the demand for American coal in Europe that it has been decided to build an immense re-ceiving station for unloading, screening and grading coal in northern France. Rates have been made on French roads which will drive German coal out of central Europe. Dr. Bizarro of Gorz has published a

which will drive German coal out of central Europe. Dr. Bizarro of Gorz has published a pamphlet in which he tries to prove that the Adriatic has for more than a thousand years been rising and en-croaching on its shores. The lowest parts of Triest are experiencing trou-ble already, and in course of time Ven-lee will be buried in the mud of the la-gron.

goon. It is reported from the City of Mex-ico that Senor Sabino Osuna has in-vented an ingenious and yet seemingly very simple affair styled the "Contador Rapido Siglo XX" (twentleth century rapid calculator). The apparatus, which resembles the ancient Chinese counting machine, is for the purpose of rapid computation. nputatio

machine, is for the purpose of rapid computation. New York state has more cows than Pennsylvania and New Jersey com-bined and more than any other one state in the Union, Iowa being second, illinois third and Wisconsin fourth. The entire number of cows in the states and territories in the exact census fig-ures is 16,202,300, with a total valua-tion of \$514,812,106. The beaver, the staple fur of the French regime, is now becoming searce and its price varies greatly according to fashion. Even the skin of the in-offensive rabbit has now a positive market value, as it is dressed, clipped and dyed a deep brown, almost black, and then becomes what is called "elec-tric seal," much in vogue for la¶ves' jackets.

CASTORIA



MEMBER OF SPANISH ORDER

Special Honor That Was Conferred on Mrs. E. Burd Grubb, One of the most admired of New Jersey matrons is Mrs. E. Burd Grubb, Mrs. Grubb is a very beautiful woman and before her marriage was Miss Vio-let Sopwith of London. General Grubb, her husband, was minister to Spain un-der the Harrison administration, and the queen of Spain appointed her a member of the Order of Noble Ladies



MRS. E. BURD GRUBB.

MRS. E. BURD GRUBB. of Maria Louisa. She also presented to her the very beautiful decoration of the order, which is of gold and beauti-fully enameded. The Order of Maria Louisa is a very exclusive one, vacancies having to be made by death. She is the only woman of this republic who has been fortunate enough to receive this coveted decora-tion.

Women Climbers.

Women Climbers. Mountain climbing is one of the pas-times in which women of the present day take a keen enjoyment, although it is always fatiguing and oftentimes at-tended with danger. To be a good mountain climber one must possess strong will power, firm footing, a steady head and a sound heart. Among the women who have attained distinc-tion as mountain climbers are several of royal birth, such as the late em-press of Austria, ex-Queen Margherita of Italy and Queen Helene of Italy. Frau Aurora Herzberg of Bayaria is one of the most enthusiastic of moun-tain climbers and celebrated her sevtain climbers and celebrated her sev

The of the most enhancement of momentum tain climbers and celebrated her sev-enticth birthday by climbing a moun-tain of considerable height. Queen Helene of Italy is a skillful mountain climber and in her girlhood often accompanied her father and brother on mountain expeditions in Montenegro in pursuit of game. The usual dress of the woman moun-tain climber is a very short cloth skirt, with coat and small Tyrolese hat. A number of English women have proved themselves as courageous and skillful as their continental sisters in mountain climbing, and American wo-men have shown also that they possess the requisite qualities for successfully ascending mountain peaks,—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bischolling mountain penses-correction Plain Dealer. Hints For Home Dressmaking. Without much labor or expense ready made skirts, claborately tucked and intersected with guipure or alencon in-sertion lace, with sufficient material for the bodice, may be obtained at a reasonable price in an endless variety of designs suitable for fashionable promenade or evening wear and only need a small amount of experience to put together, as nearly all the newest designs in gowns of this description have the lining foundation of silk or sateen made separate, the collar of which may be varied from time to time. Bought skirts of this kind are, as a rule, somewhat full round the hem, so that the silk foundation will have to be in seven breadths--that is, a front, two side pleces each side and two backs, and, whatever the length of front may be, the center of the back seam must measure five inches longer, or, if it is to be of cotton, six widths will be sufficient. And, should the ready made skirt be too short, narrow frills of lace or glace silk might be sewed on to the separate foundation.

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gizes to her guests for lighting a ciga-rette after dinner, and even as an ac-companiment to 5 o'clock ten a gold-en tipped Egyptian cigarette is fre-quently indulged in by fair Parisi-ennes. Russian ladies who inhabit the quently indulged in by fair Parisi-ennes. Russian halies who inhabit the capital are largely responsible for the growing taste for tobacco among the grandes dames of Paris. It is interest-ing to hear that at the leading contu-rieres boxes of fragmant eigarettes are kept in stock to help madame to pass the time agreeably while being fitted. In Germany feminine emancipation is not sufficiently advanced to make the smart restaurants, however, many wo-men may be seen with eigarettes and even eigars. Among the middle and working classes it is safe to say that scarcely a woman would think of smok-ling except for fun. But there is one class of feminine society that greatly affects the eigarette, and that is finan-cial ladies engaged in speculation.

cial ladies engaged in speculation. Montreal's Gift to the Duchess. The jewel which was presented to her royal highness the Duchess of Cornwall and York as a souvenir of her visit to Montreal is as beautiful as it is typical of Canada. The jewel con-sists of a diamond spray or corsage pin of six maple leaves, mounted with diamonds. No two of the maple leaves are alike in form and color. They are of solid eighteen carat gold, beauti-fully enameled in delicate tones. There are 362 carefully selected white dia-monds, and at the end of the stem is set a perfectly shaped Canadian pent weighing no less than twenty grains. The whole jewel is of native Canadian gold and workmanship. The jewel was inclosed in a handsome silver casiset bearing an inscription and the arms of the city of Montreal.—Toronto Globe.

Schools For Washerwomer

washerwoman's school for laundry work was recently opened in New York city by the Charity Organization soci-ety. The course consists of twelve daily lessons. The instructors teach them the best methods for cleaning different fabrics and exercise supervision until the woman receives a certificate. Just such a department has the Me-chanics' institute of Rochester. In fact, Channes' institute of Rochester. In fact, the city does not realize what a school within schools is in this superior and extensive institution that is coming to be a pride to Rochester. The hundry department is equipped with most mod-ern methods the department is helpful ern machinery, with the most helpful apparatus, such as is found in homes and in business establishments and by which women may learn to become proficient in the trade.

Sensible Clothing.

Sensible Clothing. How broad and strong are the sen-sible shoes now worn by schoolgirls? No wise mother will attempt to com-press either the walst line or the foot of her little daughter. Little girls should be "expansionists" and have ful chance to acquire the capital of health and strength upon which they must draw in adult life. A "skin tight" dress is a mistake, even if the little maid has a thick waist. It is a shame to put stays or tight underclothing on a girl before she is fourteen years old, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. She is really a child and should enjoy a child's privi-lege of wearing loose, warm, light cloth-ing which does not interfere with her movements. movements.

Women Sign Painters. Sign painting is added to the list of trades practiced by women in Berlin. Women sign painters undergo a reg-ular apprenticeship. They are taught how to use the brush and to mix paints. Gymnastic training is care-fully some into before they are allowed paints. Gymnastic training is care-fully gone into before they are allowed to ascend the scaffolding, so that they may not loose their nerve in standing on the ladder. They wear the gray linen frock and cap which are the house painter's badge as well as his deformation under the statement of the statement. defense against paint.

A Spoon For the Baby.

A pretty spoon intended as a gift to an infant has a gold bowl with a baby an infant has a gold bowl with a baby hend engraved on it. The design of the handle is delicately ornamental. With the spoon the donor sent a bit of charm-ing verse, found in a scrapbook of un-identified clippings, supposed to be volced by the spoon to the baby, one sentiment being the avowed purpose of the former to watch closely when its bowl should be in the little pink month of the baby for the first tooth.

Mrs. T. B. Blackstone will present Hyde Park, Chicago, with a magnifi-cent public library building, complete-ly furnished and equipped, costing \$100,000.



THE "WHEN" POEMS

When searching press or magazine To catch a moment's bliss, You're sure to find some poem there Which reads about like this: "When Mabel Trips Across the Street," "When Molle Mounts Her Wheel," "When Sude Scats Herself to Play," "When Stells Starts to Suquel."

"When Celia Comes Upon the Stage," "When Helen Has a Beau," "When Sophie States Upon the Ice," "When Sallis Starts to Sew," "When Malks a Johnnycake," "When Polly Pours the Tea," "When Polly Pours the Tea," "When Falter Shaves His Stubby Face," "When Susie Smiles at Me."

"When Grandma Winds Her Ball of Yara," "When Patience Packs Her Trunk," "Wien Samus Spins His Hard New Top," "When Father Slays a Skunk," "When Earts Let Pie With a Fork," "When Charlotte Chews Her Gun,." "When Charlotte Strikes Her Golding Ball," "When Baby Sucks His Thumb."

A Queer Landlord.

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Minister Wu on Marriage! Minister Wu Ting Fang is of the opinion that American girls are too particular about whom they marry. He thinks their tendency to dismiss early damirers who are not to their liking a very grievous error. "Woman," he says, "ought to marry. That is what she is made for. Chinese girls are dif-ferent. Few of them remain single."

Mme. Grand In America. Mme. Sarah Grand, author of "The Heavenly Twins" and "Babs," is in this country at present on a lecturing tour. The themes of her lectures are "Mere Man" and "The Art of Happiness." Mme. Grand is what might be called a



MME BARAM GEAND. "story" writer, and many of the crit-ies and authors in England and this country handle her rather roughly. But she also has in both countries many admirers and stanch supporters, and her books have had large sales. Of the "problem novel," the story that at-tempts to teach a theory or ism, Mme. Grand says. "Well written, it will al-ways be a success."





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